

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): # 2005101038 and 2012111021

Project Title: 749.12 Special Order Relating to Take of Western Joshua Tree (Yucca brevifolia) During Candidacy Period

Project Applicant: NA

Project Location (include county): City of Palmdale, County of San Bernardino, and Town of Yucca Valley

Project Description:

The project entails the adoption by the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) of an emergency regulation authorized under Section 2084 of the Fish and Game Code, which will allow limited take of western Joshua trees during the candidacy period. The take is authorized only to the extent that the actions comport to regulations adopted by the three identified local governments and with avoidance, minimization, and mitigation outlined in the Commission's regulation. The project is more fully described in the Commission's December 9-10, 2020 meeting materials found here: <https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2020> and the Commission's rulemaking package found here: https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/2020-New-and-Proposed#749_12E.

This is to advise that the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above described project on December 10, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
3. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for this project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Commission made these determinations after considering the San Bernardino County Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the San Bernardino County (County) 2007 General Plan Program (SCH# 2005101038) as supplemented by the County's addendum; the Town of Yucca Valley (Yucca Valley) General Plan Update certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH# 2012111021) as supplemented by Yucca Valley's addendum; and the city of Palmdale (Palmdale) Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Joshua Tree and Native Desert Vegetation Preservation Ordinance as supplemented by Palmdale's addendum. The County's PEIR is available to the general public at: <http://www.sbcounty.gov/Main/Search/Default.aspx?Search=2005101038>. Yucca Valley's EIR is available to the general public at: <https://www.yucca-valley.org/services/advanced-components/misc-pages/search?q=2012111021>. Palmdale's documents are available to the general public from Palmdale at the contact information above. All documents may also be obtained from the Commission at the contact information above.

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Melissa A. Miller-Henson

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: Executive Director

Date: 12/22/2020 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____